

ABSTRACT

WEBBING TIE DOWN ASSEMBLY

A webbing tie down assembly, comprising a clamping mechanism comprising: a first clamping member (309) having a first clamping surface (320), and a second clamping member (307) having a second clamping surface, the two members being moveable to a clamping position in which the clamping surfaces are substantially together for clamping webbing therebetween, webbing under tension passing around the outer surface of the first clamping member and thence between the clamping surfaces to be clamped to the clamping mechanism, said second clamping member comprises a shaft, and the clamping surface (320) of the first clamping member has a complementary curvature, so that the clamping surfaces of the first and second clamping members lie substantially parallel in the clamping position so that a clamping force on the webbing is distributed over a relatively large surface area of the webbing, and successive parts (309a, 309b, 309c, 320) of the outer surface of the first clamping member smoothly merge into one another without any abrupt change of direction so that the webbing is not distorted.